

REMARKS

1) Status of Case

The case originally included claims 1 – 70. Those claims were cancelled in favor of a revised set of claims 71 – 194. Claims 71 – 194 were subject to restriction, and claims 71 – 94 were elected for further prosecution, claims 95 – 194 being non-elected claims.

In the Office Action of October 28, 2009, all of claims 71 – 89 were allowed. Claims 90 to 93 continue to be rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being obvious given US Patent 4,179,995 of Day in view of US Patent 2,737,907 of Janeway. Claim 94 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

2) Commentary

By the current amendment, claims 90 to 94 have been cancelled.

The only remaining claims in this case are claims 71 – 89, which have been allowed.

The Applicant reserves the right without prejudice arising from the cancellation herein of claims 90 to 94 or any other claim, to seek protection for the subject matter of any or all of claims 90 to 94 by way of continuation or division, or other such filing as may be permitted under 35 USC, as such time as may be appropriate.

3) Conclusion

The Office Action indicates that claims 71 – 89 currently pending have been allowed. The Applicant therefore requests early and favorable disposition of this matter.

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